

10 Reasons Jesus Came to Die

“Everyone who is seriously interested in the pursuit of science becomes convinced that a spirit is manifest in the laws of the Universe—a spirit vastly superior to that of man, and one in the face of which we with our modest powers must feel humble.” –Albert Einstein

Have you ever looked up into the heavens at night—or felt a tiny baby grip your finger—and been filled with wonder? The world is filled with wonder everywhere we look.

The Marvels of Nature

Who made all of this? Did it just happen...or is there really a God who created it, as the Bible says?

Can anyone really deny it? If you say there is no God, then all the wonders around you are just an accident. The billions of stars in the sky *just happened* to make themselves, generate their own power, and stay on course. The land *just happens* to have topsoil without which nothing could grow. The air we breathe—only 50 miles deep and exactly the right composition to support life—is *just another accident* in the “laws of physics.”

Did deposits of coal, zinc, gold and uranium get there by accident? And what prevents lakes from freezing solid—all the way down to the bottom—making it impossible for fish to survive frigid winters? Why does the earth spin at a given speed without slowing so that we have day and night? Who tilts it so we get seasons? No one really knows the why and how of the magnetic poles. Or think of the sun stoking a fire just warm enough to sustain us on earth, but not too close to fry us or too far away to freeze us. Who keeps things constant?

Can you believe these things *just happened*? Isn't it more reasonable to believe that a supreme mind is behind all of them and everything that exists?

The Amazing Human Body

What about the human body? It's an intricate combination of bones, muscles, nerves, and blood vessels. By 2020 scientists hope to have a supercomputer to rival the three-pound average adult brain, but it won't be easy. In 2007 scientists built a \$30 million supercomputer that required a \$29 million operating budget. It has 5% of the computing ability of a human brain!

The kidneys contain approximately 145 miles of tiny tubes. In a day they filter around 50 gallons of blood, extracting up to two quarts of water and impurities. Then there's the heart, an unbelievably rugged organ—a four-chamber, four-valve pump that handles the equivalent of 2,000 gallons of blood daily. It supplies a circulatory system that has 100,000 miles of vessels and, in a lifetime, beats two-and-one-half billion times (108,000 times a day)!

Before you say, “There is no God,” think about these marvels. All of creation gives evidence that there is a God who created it all. And since the Bible says that God's Son, Jesus, created all

things and holds everything together (Colossians 1:16-17), then we need to see how Jesus' life affects us.

The Creator Enters His Creation

Our Creator came to earth on a mission to change disaster into victory. The Bible says that we're “*dead in trespasses and sins*” and “*alienated from the life of God*” (Ephesians 2:1, 4:18). Just as a body without physical life is *physically* dead, so anyone who is separated from God is spiritually dead. So we need God's forgiveness of our sin and freedom from its penalty, which is spiritual death—eternal separation from God in hell. We *all* are in need of a right relationship with God.

That's why God sent Jesus to earth. The Bible tells us, "*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life*" (John 3:16). Jesus willingly paid the ultimate price to save us from the consequences of our sins!

By His death on the cross, the sinless Jesus paid the debt of our sins that we could never pay. And His resurrection three days later proved what He claimed was true: "*I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live*" (John 11:25).

That everlasting life will be yours if you acknowledge to God that you are a sinner and believe in your heart that Jesus is the only way you can ever be forgiven. If that's your heart's desire, why not tell Him?

You can pray to God in words like these:

Dear God, I believe that You are real. I believe that Your son Jesus came to earth and died in my place, because of my sins against You. Thank You that He rose again. I want Your forgiveness and I place my trust completely in You for now and eternity. Amen.

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